

# Beutner Paces Tonawanda To AAA Mat Championship



Sparks Tonawanda Title

These four Tonawanda grapplers scored first place victories Saturday night in leading the Red Warriors to the AAA championship. In the back row are Brian Beutner (left) and George Lasky (right). John Debiase (left) and Sam Williams (right) are on the front row.

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At first glance, Brian Beutner reminds you of anything but a wrestler.

His tall, lanky physique could lead you into thinking he is a basketball player. Or his good-

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natured looks and fluid movement might make you think he is a swimmer or tennis player.

Make no mistake, though, Beutner is a wrestler — and a superb one at that: Beutner was justifiably named most valuable in the Section VI, Class AAA wrestling tournament Saturday night at Tonawanda and this was just one of the thrills afforded Tonawanda fans as they watched their Red Warriors sweep to victory.

Tonawanda had four champions and won the tournament with 91 points. Powerful Sweet Home made it close with 84 points while Maryvale collected 70 points for third.

The leaders were followed by Lancaster with 55, Orchard Park with 43, Hamburg with 41, West Seneca West with 20, Lockport with 17, and West Seneca East with seven.

Beutner impressed the MVP judges by doing something that nobody has done all season — get the best of Orchard Park's Greg Hollander in the 155-pound class. Beutner completely dominated Hollander and had an imposing 15-3 lead before applying the pin at 4:41.

Tonawanda's championship trophy was a team effort, though, as the Red Warriors placed among the top four finishers in nine of the 13 events.

Sam Williams got the ball rolling by scoring a 4-1 victory over Dave Kempston of Orchard Park in the 115-pound class.

Hustling John Debiase (123) immediately followed with a convincing 9-3 decision over Sweet Home's Mike Gallagher.

After Beutner pinned Hollander, George Lasky of the Warriors upset top-seeded Jim Falkowski of Lancaster 5-2 in the 165-pound division.

Tonawanda got points for second place from Dave Schoenle (130) who lost 11-1 to Jim Guizzotti of Maryvale, and Lou Osmon (215) who was pinned by Rick Grottanelli of Hamburg in 4:31.

Consolation, or third place, victories were scored by Allen Overfield (98), John Burngasser (175), and Paul Orkwis (185).

The 137-pound division provided the biggest upsets as fifth-seeded Tom Johnson of Orchard Park and unranked Glenn Hettinger of Sweet Home advanced to the finals. Top seeded Tim Wiegel of Lancaster and Scott Rowsam of Lockport bowed out early.

Hettinger held a 3-2 lead when the match ended, but Johnson got two points for riding time and was a 4-3 winner.

The seeding form was not followed too closely either in the 175-pound division where unranked Jim Wulf of Lancaster made it to the finals before losing to Gary Altheide of Sweet Home, 5-3.

Maryvale matched Tona-



THS' Beutner Gets Hand Shoved in Face

... Hollander of O.P. Pinned Moments Later

wanda in the number of champions, four, but couldn't match the Warriors in depth. Three of Maryvale's grapplers, Gary Brice (107), Jim Guizzotti (130), and Doug Leroy (145), won the title for the second straight year.

The 13 champions from this tournament will take part in the Section VI qualifying finals

Saturday afternoon and night at Erie County College. The state championship will be staged March 13-14 at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse. Summaries:

#### FINALS

98 — John Coughlin (SH) d. Mickey Gavin (Ham) 10-2. 107 — Gary Brice (MV) d. Tom White (Lock.) 6-0. 115 — Sam Williams

(Ton.) d. Dave Kempston (OP) 4-1. 123 — John Debiase (Ton.) d. Mike Gallagher (SH) 9-3. 130 — Jim Guizzotti (MV) d. Dave Schoenle (Ton.) 11-1. 137 — Tom Johnson (OP) d. Glenn Hettinger (SH) 4-3. 145 — Doug Leroy (MV) pin John Orsolits (Lan.) 5:05. 155 — Brian Beutner (Ton.) pin Greg Hollander (OP) 4:41. 165 — George Lasky (Ton.) d. Jim Falkowski (Lan.) 5-2. 175 — Gary Altheide (SH) d. Jim Wulf (Lan.) 5-3. 185 — Alex Addy (SH) d. Bill Perryman (Lan.) 4-3. 215 — Rick Grottanelli (Ham.) pin Lou Osmon (Ton.) 4:31. 250 — Jack Bernard (MV) pin Greg Hill (SH) 4:31.

#### CONSOLATION

98 — Allan Overfield (Ton.) d. John Ruzzene (WSW) 5-3. 107 — Ken Root (Ham.) d. Mark Marliassi (Lan.) 9-4. 115 — Tony Guizzotti (MV) pin Rick Stefanson (Ham.) 3:58. 123 — Larry Bryant (WSW) d. Steve Leroy (MV) 23-5. 130 — Warren Stumpf (OP) d. Scott Schober (WSE) 3-0. 137 — Kevin Spracklen (WSW) over Tim Wiegel (Lan.) by default. 145 — Ron Althiede (SH) d. Rick Miller (OP) 5-0. 155 — Jim Hensel (SH) over Bill Bradigan (Lan.) 6-5. 165 — Henry Friedrich (SH) pin Paul Trotz (WSE) 5:59. 175 — John Burngasser (Ton.) d. Paul Altherr (Ham.) 1-0. 185 — Paul Orkwis (Ton.) d. Wayne Bowman (OP) 6-2. 215, Jerry Cline (Lock.) d. Bob Falkenbach (WSW) 7-4. 250 — Dan Conti (Lan.) d. Jim Wilson (Ham.) 1-0.

## Falcons Snare 4th AA Crown

Niagara Frontier League wrestling champion Niagara-Wheatfield waltzed to its fourth Section VI Class AA championship in five years Saturday night by outscoring runnerup Iroquois 119-84 at Williamsville North.

East Aurora was a distant third with 48 points, followed by Clarence with 31, Williamsville North with 29, Williamsville South with 26, Cleveland Hill with 24, and Olean with three.

N-W's John Rinker defended his 175-pound title by pinning Dave Hauber of Iroquois in 5:05. Other Falcon winners were Mike Rizzo, Rick Norton, Gary Castiglione, Paul Hutchinson and Chris Wagner.

Ken Rich of Iroquois was voted the most valuable after pinning defending champion,

### Ken-Ton Girls in Romp

Ken-Ton Girls won in all divisions of their meet with Brockport Saturday. Overall totals gave Ken-Ton 192 against 36 for Brockport.

On March 7, Ken-Ton will travel to the Northeast "Y" in Amherst. Summaries:

#### MIDGETS

Ken-Ton 52, Brockport 14  
100 Medley Relay: Ken-Ton (Nancy Gruntz, Holley Marvin, Shelly Geiger, Sarah Ayer): 1:22.7. 25 Freestyle: Brockport, Cindy Hare: 17.6. 25 Breast: Ken-Ton, Honey Schwab: 22.9. 25 Back: Brockport, Liz Brogan: 2:20.3. 50

### Barry's 55 Is Offset By Rockets

Rick Barry scored 55 points, setting a record for the Denver Arena, but the Denver Rockets offset Barry's performance by hitting 52.3 per cent of their field goals and downed the Washington Caps, 137-128, Sunday.

In other American Basketball Association action, Los Angeles trimmed Indiana, 108-105. Pittsburgh edged Kentucky, 119-109. Miami beat Carolina, 109-99, and New York defeated Dallas, 128-111.

Larry Jones led the Rockets with 34 points and Spencer Haywood added 31 as their team finally prevailed in a game in which the lead changed hands eight times.

Tom Washington, who finished with only seven points, scored twice on rebounds within the final 78 seconds to give the Los Angeles Stars their third straight win as they struggle for a Western Division playoff berth.

The last-place Stars are four games behind New Orleans, which must stay in fourth place to be eligible for the playoffs.

The Pittsburgh Pipers handed Kentucky its 10th loss in its last 13 starts as Stew Johnson, who put Pittsburgh ahead for good with 5:10 remaining, paced his

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# Sports

## Krause Sparkles In SU's Victory

Brian Krause, former high school All-American swimmer from North Tonawanda, led Syracuse University to its seventh straight win and its first victory over Colgate University in 13 years.

Brian raced for three first places to bring in 15 of the Orangemen's 61-point total. Krause captured the 200 yard freestyle in 1:50.0, returned after the diving event to win the 200 yard butterfly with a fast 2:01.7 and then captured the 500 yard free with a respectable 5:09.3 to wrap up the meet with two events to go.

Krause is undefeated in dual meet competition for the Orangemen this season and has

set Syracuse University records in the 100 free (10:10.9), the 200 free (1:47.0), the 200 individual medley (2:04.8) and anchored the record-breaking 400 free relay (3:16.8). Krause's split — 47.7.

Tom Skuce of North Tonawanda has also been instrumental in the resurgence of swimming at Syracuse. The former N.T. High diving ace has been defeated only once in dual competition this past season.

Both Brian and Tom will participate in the Upper New York Swim Championships this weekend at Rochester Tech and the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships at Dartmouth University the following weekend.



### THS Captures Class AAA Mat Title

Tonawanda claimed four individual champions, including the tournament's outstanding wrestler in Brian Beutner, at the Section VI Class AAA wrestling tournament Saturday night at Tonawanda High School. The host school also captured the team title.

In the photo, at left, Robert Smith, principal at Tonawanda High, is shown presenting the Most Valuable Wrestler trophy to Brian.

Nine schools participated in the event. Schools included were Sweet Home, Maryvale, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Hamburg, West Seneca, Lockport, East Seneca and Tonawanda High. (Detailed Story, Page 13)

(Photos by Andy Susty)



Cheering Section for Red Warriors

... During a Few Anxious Moments



THS Coach George Miller at Right

... Shouts Encouragement to His Team



Wrestler for THS

... Is Victorious



Two Grapplers in Combat

... During Mat Tourney



Mike Gallagher

... Vs. John DeBiase

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## A Night of Wrestling



Beutner Displays Championship Form

... As He Pins Hollander of Orchard Park